



CINNABAR
WINERY

2020 PETITE SIRAH Central Coast

Vineyards

Dellamaggiore Vineyard

Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 13.8% pH: 3.80

Acidity: 0.58g/100ml

Production: 50 cases

Release Date: May 12, 2023

Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Tasting Notes

Enticing aromas of black currant, white pepper and a subtle touch of chocolate mint. The wine is dry and full bodied with moderate tannins and medium acidity. Pair with shrimp skewers with adobo sauce and lime rice.

The Magic

The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters, then racked into French Oak barrels for maturation.

The Grape

Petite Sirah (aka, Durif) is the offspring of Syrah and Peloursin. Durif was developed in France in the mid-1800s to resist powdery mildew but was found to be less resistant to gray rot, which exists more in France than in the drier climate of California. Petite Sirah is often blended with Zinfandel to add structure and color to a wine and, of course, is also a fantastic standalone wine.

The Land

The Dellamaggiore vineyard is located in the Santa Clara Valley near the city of San Martin. The vineyard soil is a well drained sandy loam. It also has a maritime influence with its close proximity to the Monterey submarine canyon. This site produces wines with intense color, smooth mouth-feel, and firm tannins.

The Season

The conditions were ideal at the start of 2020, with mild temperatures that resulted in evenly developed clusters. Low winter rainfall resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. The warm summer allowed the grapes to become fully mature, with harvest beginning in late August. We were very, very fortunate to harvest all of our grapes with no smoke related issues. The smoke from the fires along with Covid, made the 2020 season, for all of us in this industry, demanding and one that will never be forgotten.



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